

July 2019 Newsletter

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Middletown Township Historical Society: July Happenings

This newsletter keeps you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.



**JOSHUA HUDDY:
A REVOLUTIONARY LIFE**

presented by John Fabiano

Monday, July 15 at 7:00 pm

*Hosted by Middletown Township Historical Society at
Middletown Township Public Library
55 New Monmouth Rd, Middletown, NJ 07748*

The complex block features a photograph of a gravestone for Joshua Huddy on the left. The gravestone is white and has a cross at the top. The text on the stone reads: 'JOSHUA HUDDY', 'NEW JERSEY', 'CAPTAIN HUDDY'S CO', 'NJ STATE TROOPS', 'REVOLUTIONARY WAR', and 'APRIL 12 1782'. An American flag is placed at the base of the stone. To the right of the photo, the event title 'JOSHUA HUDDY: A REVOLUTIONARY LIFE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, 'presented by John Fabiano' is written in smaller yellow letters. The date and time 'Monday, July 15 at 7:00 pm' are in white. At the bottom, the host information is written in white italics.

Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:00 pm:

**"Joshua Huddy: A Revolutionary Life" presented by
John Fabiano**

The Middletown Township Historical Society hosts John Fabiano as he recounts the tumultuous life of Joshua Huddy, a local patriot of the American

recounts the tumultuous life of Joshua Huddy, a local patriot of the American Revolution. Huddy's impacts on the Revolution will be examined, including the events that led to the "Asgill Affair." Mr. Fabiano is the Executive Director of the Monmouth County Historical Commission.

The event will begin at **7:00 pm** at the **Middletown Township Public Library** in the Community Room on **Monday, July 15, 2019**.



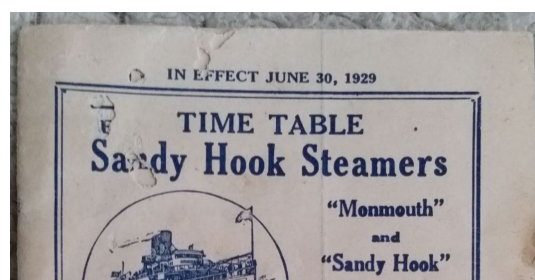
Last Month's Event Recap

Glenn Cashion spoke about the life of his relative, Civil War veteran Thomas Fallon, and explained how his Medal of Honor was recently returned to Monmouth County. Thank you to those who attended.

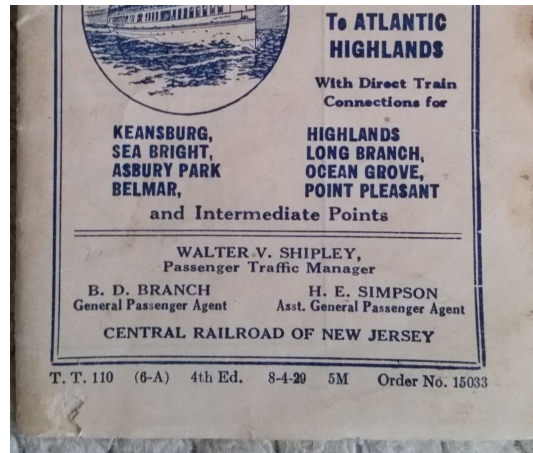
Item Donations

Welcomed

MTHS would like to know about any items relating to Middletown's past that you would like to donate. Before



you throw or pack it away, please let us know about it, as we might like to add it to our collection! This 1929 Central NJ Railroad schedule was recently donated by MTHS member Bob Johnson. [Contact us here.](#)



Newsletter Digitization Project: We Need Your Help!

MTHS has begun scanning copies of our printed newsletter that was published beginning in 1985. When the project is completed, the newsletters will be fully indexed and searchable via the internet.

These newsletters were sent to MTHS members and given to others in the community. They contain a trove of knowledge about Middletown and deserve to be seen again. Thanks to the Middletown Township Public Library, we have access to most of the newsletters from 1985 through 1991. However, we are missing some issues in that span, and have none prior to 1985 (if there were any) or after 1991. If you have any issues in your possession, we would like to borrow them or accept them via donation. [Contact us here.](#)

M.T.H.S.: Past, Present and Future

The Middletown Township Historical Society is a private, not for profit corporation organized with the broad purpose of promoting Township history. The Society was formed in 1968 and has had three phases to its existence.

The Society participated in the restoration of an historic house in its early years. It withdrew from that site by 1976. The second phase consisted of meetings and other historical promotional activity done without the benefit of a society "home" or headquarters.

The third phase was begun in late 1983 with the lease of the ground floor of the former main building of Croydon Hall Academy for the purpose of establishing an historical museum. The museum opened on April 27, 1985 with the picture exhibit "Middletown - Then and Now". Separate commentary of the exhibit appears on this page.

The Society adopted in 1983 a four part guideline of purpose for furthering the aims of studying, preserving and publicizing Middletown Township history. Edited for brevity, they are:

1. Organize and Display Temporary Exhibits.
2. Build a Permanent Collection of Artifacts.
3. Collect and Maintain a Research Library.
4. Publish to further the other aims.

Our small group has ambitious plans. Our size has functioned well during the organizing period. We hope to increase our numbers as we expand our activities. What does this mean to a prospective member? It means one can develop a meaningful role in a growing organization with an important and pleasurable subject, local history. New Projects and ideas are welcome, particularly from those able to develop them. However, if one has an interest that can contribute to the organization, we hope it can be helped by teamwork and co-operation.

Local historical societies have varied activities. Ours is first a history museum. Building it and pursuing other, serious historical projects will take the talents of many people. We hope you join us.

"Then and Now" Continues through October

The Society's first exhibit of 65 pairs of older and contemporary views of the same sites in the Township is scheduled to show through October 27. Critical commentary has been favorable. Many have been impressed on how a simple theme was well-photographed and skillfully displayed.

The exhibit chronicles pictorially an ever-changing area. One scene has

Your Membership Matters

Support Us in 2019!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Please Renew or Begin your Membership Today!

In order to keep our Society going, we need your support. Our funds go towards securing speakers for our events and for administrative fees. We'd also like to undertake new initiatives that could expand our reach, but without proper funding, this will be difficult to achieve.

We now offer a couple of ways you can renew or start your membership:

- [Contribute online](#) and pay via credit or debit card. This is the quickest and easiest way!
- [Print out the membership form](#) and mail to us or bring it to an upcoming MTHS event

Thank you for your interest in Middletown's history, and for your ongoing support.

Upcoming MTHS Events

All events are free and are held on the third Monday of the month, February through November. Here is what has been confirmed so far so you can reserve the dates:

July 15: "Joshua Huddy" presented by John Fabiano

August 19: Twin Lights visit

Unless otherwise noted, all events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Middletown Township Public Library.

Upcoming Atlantic Highlands Historical Society Events

Consider attending an event held by one of our neighboring historical groups.

July 17: "New Jersey Originals": A Lecture by Linda Barth on New Jersey inventions and oddities. 7:30 pm. Strauss Mansion Museum, Free.

July 20: Arts and Crafts Festival at Veteran's Park in Atlantic Highlands. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

July 25: "Music at the Mansion" Concert Series: Featuring the progressive band We Used to Cut the Grass. 7:15 PM. \$15 per person and the suggestion to bring a dish or drink to share.

Weekends: The Strauss Mansion Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Free self-guided tours of the 21 room Victorian mansion. Donations appreciated.

Would You Like to Help?

Your local historical society could use your ideas and talents! If you have an interest in fundraising, communications, or in growing our membership, [please let us know](#) your ideas or your willingness to become involved. Our volunteer trustees would like to work with you to strengthen and expand our organization!



Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

What is Joshua Huddy's main connection to Middletown?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

Horace "Buddy" Thorne was awarded the Medal of Honor, and Thorne Middle School was named after him.

Thanks for reading! The Middletown Township Historical Society will be in touch again soon! If you know others who would be interested in receiving communications from us, please forward this email and ask them to [join this](#)



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